

21 March 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment  
Deputy Director for Administration  
Director of Data Processing

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Concerns Regarding SAFE

1. One of the subjects addressed at the recent Science and Technology Advisory Panel (STAP) meeting was the SAFE system and its implementation. Several concerns were expressed at the meeting regarding SAFE, including the fact that there are no plans at present to connect CIA and DIA SAFE systems so that they are mutually accessible. I share several of the concerns expressed by the Science and Technology Advisory Panel, and accordingly would like to meet with you to address several of the issues that were raised by the Panel. I attach for your information and response a list of questions and concerns prepared by the STAP relating to SAFE. While I would appreciate your being prepared to address all of these questions at our meeting, I personally am especially concerned about the following:

-- What actions are under way to ensure that the Intelligence Community has access to CIA SAFE and that CIA SAFE has access to DIA SAFE as well as such systems as COINS and

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-- How will SAFE deal with open source material?

-- As described in some detail on page 3 of the STAP paper, what actions are being taken to identify the real needs of the SAFE user community and will they be satisfied by the system?

-- How can CIA make a reasonable evaluation of the current status of SAFE with major portions of the proposed operational capabilities either unspecified or not communicated to the Agency?

2. I will schedule a meeting to discuss these issues toward the end of next week. In the meantime, I would appreciate your responding to all of the questions in the attached paper and providing such responses to me by the middle of next week for my use in preparation for the meeting.



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Attachment a/s

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MEMO FOR: Deputy Assistant to the President  
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Attached are my suggested alterations.....

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